

TRC meeting January 15, 2008

Present at meeting: Jack Cook, Gary Rose, Bob Martin, Diana Toste, Phyllis Brower, and Ed Wilcox, president of 5 Seasons Sports.

Ed Wilcox from 5 Seasons Sports playground equipment presented a possible arrangement for playground equipment for the Bulgarmarsh playground. We discussed options for installation, surfacing, and accessibility for handicapped and/or general disabilities.

Mr. Wilcox used our dimensions to make a sample playground with prices. The sample had a 5-12 year old playground area and a toddler (2-5 year old) area.

Mr. Wilcox mentioned that Cox Cable will come and dig holes for equipment if asked. Surfacing options must be ADA approved and appropriate for the location of the Bulgarmarsh Rec. area. Manufactured wood chips and shredded rubber were suggested as safe and approved surfaces. The wood chips would be less expensive and would have to be re-topped every few years. The rubber surfacing would be the most expensive but would not have to be replaced as often. Sand is not as appropriate a surface and is not ADA accessible or approved.

Estimated cost for the sample playground with installation and surfacing was about \$111k. Mr. Wilcox was advised of the bidding process for this and said he would present a bid when the bids were advertised.

Bulgarmarsh fundraising

Gary contacted Cathy Charbonneau of Bank Newport for donations for the Bulgarmarsh Rec. area. BankNewport has 2 forms of requests for money to communities. Grants are for requests over \$5000 and sponsorships for up to \$5000. The grant request needs to be presented to their Community Fund Committee for consideration. The sponsorships are presented to Bank Newport's Sponsorship Review Committee.

CVS/Caremark has information on their website for Community Grants.

The TRC will get on the agenda for the Town Council on January 28th to make a proposal for seeking donations and corporate sponsorships for the playground. This is a list of some of the suggested options for support/sponsorship:

12 Benches @ \$12-1500

24 Trees @ \$ 250-600 each

1000 Bricks @ \$100 for a brick walkway

4 Basketball poles/nets @ \$2000 each

Playground: 4 sponsors at \$25K each

Scoreboard (Corporate sponsor)

2 Basketball courts (Corporate sponsor)

We will have a park meeting at 6:30 on February 5th for the Bulgarmarsh Park.

Town Farm

At town Farm the back wall is being cleared. In field grass has been put into LaPointe field.

Soccer Fields

Jack talked to Bill Rearick, superintendent of Tiverton Schools, about using land adjacent to the New Ranger School for a soccer complex. TRC has approached the Stonebridge Water district to acquire this land which is owned by them.

In the meeting with Mr. Rearick, Jack asked if we could tie into the sewage at the new Ranger School for the new soccer complex. Jack also asked for money for rehabbing baseball fields in town since the boy' and girls' high school soccer use fields for games and practices.

Jack attended a meeting with the town planner, Chris Spencer, the library bldg. committee, engineers from Sandywood Farms, and the DPW director. Sandywoods has a conflict with the entrance as theirs is in wetlands. Sandywoods offered to collaborate with TRC for children's art programs when their facility is built.

#### Farmer's Market

Diana said there was plenty of support from a survey at Pardon Gray to have a farmer's market. She is hoping to have a market this summer from July through September. Diana wants to have an open forum for farmers on February 26th who would be interested in participating. TRC is supporting this endeavor but incurs no cost for the Farmers' Market.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Next meeting will be February 19th, at 7 PM in the Judson Community Center.